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Melcome to the first issue of EUROPEAN TRASH CINEMA. I've been looking forward to covering these types of films exclusively for a long time. Special thanks to Jeff Smith for the above logo. I had a very nice offer from Stephen Bissette to design said logo. but I had committed to Jeff early on. Now a note about the logo and the name: I have purposely decided to mack the current fashion that says if a film is dubbed it must be trash. BULLSHIT! Many's the time that I got an extre thrill from recognizing those oft heard voices that appear in literally thousands of films. "a, I'm thumbing my nose at these nerrowminded playants and proceeding onward. So, since this is my managine, let me start at with a review of a real sickle.

NEKROMANTIK (1907) GERMAN REVIEWED BY CRAIG LEDBETTER DIRECTED BY JORG BUTTGEREIT



This German film has received a lot of coverage in British publications such as SIRCK X-PRESSISTIL the best film publication on this planet) and SHEER FILTH(also highly recommended). It falls into the sick-flick category or it detects the life of a necrophile and his downward spirel towards sernal gratification.

Super 8), it's no where near as slick as THE EVIL DEAD or even most shot on video abominations. Yet, despite its everwhelming ability to shock/even a jeded purveyor of fifth such as mywith it to the bitter endland it cuds with a witty jab to the sphincteri). Rob(Daktari Lorenz) begins his new ish at Joe's Street Cleening Agency where he and the gang pickup body parts after a particularly gruesome per where Rely being a collector of of such esoterica, brings home an eye bell and places it in a jur with the rest of his gary collection. His wife Betty loves to hathe in blood so they're obviously the perfect

couple. One day find its inspired to bring home a rapidly internatively correct to urprise firstly with. This rautid is the Gondardinest menage-arteria I've aver seam. Things go from bod to write (get hosts the viewers as well as the characters) as San boses his job and natty runs set with the corpus. Bob is reduced to picking up possibilities from with with them till be anotherably are and client would be to cornel suicide at the point of restant, thus he comes and goes at the anset time.

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ETC. will not only feature reviews but also print articles on colbs: in front of and behind the comerce. E'n plessed that herer author Dale Herrer (he's also had a couple of articles in DEEP RED) has submitted the fallsoring on Spenish actress Daha

Cross.

While her more and face may not be around the best known to the United States audience. Bona Conce has spent some 10 years in arrange and law seek of the arrange and the the arrange are arranged and the arranged arranged and the arra

Of her harror time, Conce to best hooms for her reld in Eguino's SETTA SINSETTA, a lift about server cutts, witherest, medices and morder. Used before in an earlier Eguino film, RELAK ATRACO, he was given a najer role as the prelagonist in this particular screen fest, which for the time, was considered to be quite overvibett and causaid (the film was released in Spain's "tame period" as for as visioner, ass., and appetal effects were converged, may be there BLINGS, PERCENTALIN, SOCIETAL PROPERTY.

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Nivas, director), ENTR: PARENTESIA (Smon Paterges, director), PI ETE Y SL 010 (Manuel Exteben, director), UNA ROSA AL VIENTO (Nigue) Ighesias, director) and LA VIUDA VALBUCIAMA (Paco Regoulers, director). Theoritory personations include 86 Fee Brosses And L'Anter, La Bohde Del Gran Netaches, true Hujerse Pers I Dishio is thematical horner precediation). L'Incorreccio des LA L'Anterio de l'Anterio de

In her aducational career, Dians apent five years atudying voice (diction, projection, etc), spent three years as the Escosia Superior Del Instituto Eu Testro De Berceisne, studying drame, and added studies at the Compania Del Instituto Del Testro in the same city. She also atteind dants for room measure.

Maturally Edna Conce's apposure to the American audience has been limited, but with the increasing number of European limits being released on videa, this might change. Still young and subblious, the could have quite a career shade of here, in both the world of borror fliss and in other rudes. This dark-baired bounty, is definedy increased to keep an eye on...which with her

There are very few contamporary film critics I truly admire. Tim Lucas is one of them. And son-of-a-bitch if he isn't up next with a review of Jesus France's SEXY SINTERS. Tim has preciously allowed me to reprint this discussion of the film from a "work in progress" book on Franco called HORROTICAL THE SEX SCREAM OF JESUS FRANCO. This is converted 1989 by Tim Lucas. I recember Tim's writings all the way back in the early days of Heavy Metal magazine. Even then I noticed Tim seemed to write about the types of films I was most interested in. For me Tim's best work was done for the long defunct megazine VIDEOTIMES/VIDEO MOVIES. As much shit as I give Fangoria and Gorezone. I have to give a jet of credit to aditor Tony Timpons for raviving Tim's Video watch dog column. I also never thought I would see the day when Jesus France would receive coverage in a Startog PUblication. This is cetting a bit long-winded but a special thanks goes out to Tim for his help and support of ETC.





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While attending an exhibition of crotic performance art. Joe accepts a frankly sexual invitation from Edie. Foreplay at her sesside vills leads to the unexpected- Joe is urged to make love to Edla's youngar aister. Millicent, a dengerous nymphomenisc kept manacled to a bed behind bers in the boudsir. Jug satisfies Millie as no man ever has, under the voyeuristic gaze of maturbating Edie, and Millie falls in love. When Joz isaves, Dr. Barnes arrives to administer a releasant to Mille. In truth. the drug encourages erotic halfucinations; Sermes is working with Edie (and her meld/lover Sera) to drive Millie insene, so they may share the fortune Edie will inherit from her steplather's estate if Millie is dezmed medically incompetent. Earnes, we learn. In actually in cahoots with nurse Heris and plans to betray Edle and escape with the inheritance. To traumatize the unwitting beiress completely. Edle hires an old lover. Tom, to counte with Millie and feign a heart attack from servel overstimulation, after which his "corpse" reminetes to rape herhe realizes that he loves Millis and returns to the villa, where he observes Ediz paying "the deed men" for his services. Juspeaks inside the ville and convinces Millie of her eaplty. Edic

losss everything, as Hills leaves with Joa, and Sera, Marie and Barnos drive their separate ways.

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Mills mentions early in the film that her nymphomenia began with an event in her childhood, which occurred while she was apping on ediz's lownaching. We later witness the specific moment, as a 13 year-old Millie is discovered hiding under the squesking springs and reped by Edie's lover. Franco ingeniously cast an (uncredited) actor in this crucies role, who shares actress Karine Gambier's trademark platinum-blonds hair coise; this touch makes it impossible for viewers to see Gambier, as they often will and in great detail, without resembering the details of her character's traums.

In another arresting touch, a poster of two black kittens (actually a double image of the same animal, arranged side by side) appears on Mille's bedroom wall, and its identification with the two sisters is perfect and immediate. In a later scene, Bernes and Marie are shown whispering about Millie, in a room with a poster of a SINGLE kitten on the wall: in terms of composition, the poster is framed between the two deceivers, visually aignailing the viewer that Milita is asyandropping.

These uncharacteristic, serpentine twists are also manifest in the dubbed English dislogue. To take the most haunting example: early on, when the imperious Edla orders flore to undress her and her companion, the maid is instructed by Edia to "leave my stockings on -- I'm a lady after all." As Sers moves to strip Joe. Edle adds, "Take his stockings off - he's a gentlemen. after ell."

Unfortunately, for such an intellectually atimulating confection, SEXY SISTERS is too often spoiled by an intrusive spirit of misogyny. A sequence in which Edie relocates and hires her former lover for a rapest performance of Millie's deflowering is scored with frivolous music, playing the scene as an offensivebit of cheep emusement and utterly ruining what might have been a moment of herrifying darkness, fully on a per with the most disturbing seductions of 99 NOMEN (1968,NTA VIDEO).

Persela Stanford contributes more presence than performance to the role of Edie, who (like many of Franco's famale leads. perticularly Janine Reynaud in SUCCUBUS) is occasionally addressed by gentlemen admirers as "the Counters," Well beyond her prime, Stanford's pasty makeup and oversized false leshes might have been applied by a homesick mortician. Kering Gambier, on the other hand, does a fint job of suggesting the favered, medical reality of nymphonenia -- not the aimpittled version commonly encountered in sex films -- and her pout your beyond the cell of mere ellure to communicate a beliavable measure of

Erwin C.Dietrich's telented production team -- with whom Franco worked on tens of films, most famously JACK THE RIPPER (1978,VESTRON) - give the film an attractive look, with Peter Baumrertner's cinematography once again earning special gredit for disguising a meager budget.

If you were a fan of the late great fanzing DEMONIQUE by Barry Kaufman, this next reviewer's name might ring a beil. Michael Secula wrots one of the first and to this day definitive assays

on Spanish and Mexican Horror films. Michael dropped out of

sight but thenke to Tim Luces I was able to coex him out of "retirement" to appear in this first issue of ETC.

SEVEN GOLDER WORE AGAINST TWO 07 (TREASURE HUNT)

aka SETTE DONNE D'ORO CONTRO DUE 07 (1965)

Directed by 7 Reviewed by Micheel Secule

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and the director (Excuse me; the "Subject direction aditing production and interpretation guy") losee all control over his story. Stuff just happens: Competing groupe hide their Goys's on sounteintops and behind waterfalls for no apparent reason... The women put on bikinis and have a paint fight ... Everyone goes to a castle and some of them get hit on to interrupt things again. Suspidity occurs on an almost subliminal level, as when Marie cautions two of her thurs to hide because someone is about to enter the rooms one of them strolls off-casers, while the other just becks up a few steps and squate on the floor. Eventually onner just becam up a new Stape and square on the ricor. Eventually though, a transure is found. Not Hiller's stank, just some ancient Roman staff. In what at first might appear to be a curprise anding of some cort, the ert dealer reveale the following: "I painted the or some core, one are design revenue one indicement. Painted too Goya's! I am Hartin Borman!", but this revelation turns out to be as irrelevant as the rest of the plot. Like I said, etuff just happens. as irrearyent on the rest of the party make a many old jet may be the bone of it sakes very much some. After a cat fight involving a lot of torn clothing, Mickey and Berbin Een exacult the girls with a party below, and the picture at last ande, as it begin, with a charc of belows, and the picture at last ande, as it begin, with a charc acene. To be fair, this is supposed to be a comedy, but the humorous qualities are of the unintentional variety. Is for what exactly are the seven golden woman of the title, I am not about to spoil the only elegent of suspense in the fi m.

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The next raview is by Jeff Coung, a prediffic letter hack and is responsible for locating many zero fereign videos (such as this next film, SOLO ANYE EL TERROR, NOMEN IN CELL BLOCK 9 and others. Jeff is currently recovering free heart surgery and will return ASAP with more raviews.

IL MIELE OEL GIAVOLO (1987) VIGEO ATLANTIS DIRECTED BY LUCIO FULCI REVIEWED BY JEFF GOUNG

Despite recommendations to avoid this film at all costs, also known as The GeVIL'S Holley, that to see what Fuel could do addied with an "croite dress" typs plot (the label description on the Italian ingrugar wideo box), having already been having already been the second of the second been allowed to have a second been allowed to the damped the second been allowed to the second been allowed to the damped the second been allowed to the second been al

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mania, the switches roise from neatechist to sedist when ahe abdusts the dorter. Rawing seen only the Italian language version, I hope an English hope the State of the Cutter, as porhaps the 'dislogue will reveal English to the Character (but then. this 12 a Felci (Init?)) But aven without he mayin is extremely entertaining and compelling to watch.

Sure. Fulci's zombles, gut munchings and aye gougings will slways be nearest and dearest to bis legion of lans. but this portrays! of insaliable torrid lave/fust turned to tragic, obsessive manis is a terrific bull-fusting alternative. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

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MIN. If note of these options are evaluate then here's something everyone can do. These's a wideo tabel in HewYork catted Dim VIDEO. They have a hope catalog of Italian tanguage videos and their titles self for \$19.95. Her you can have quality copies of such mellies as futci's MINIERIX or har about the 121 strate version of David Angento's PREFUNCO RISSO. These one high quality pre-records and not and generation depen. For a copy of their catalog (sent WS) call 1-716-821-0990. As you shorty build up your collection, the next step is to beach out and trade with other people than the mails. In that regard, I'll sesence a section of ETC which folks can use to seek out their passette films. I'll pladly use my resources to help track down any and att same titles. If you see a title on tape on TV that you feet the sendership of ETC should know about send it to me so I can make my mendersonant of the existence. The point of FTC in to expose people to files they would not normally get a chance to went to expend people's horizons not nassow them. There's an outfit that adventizes in versious video magazines catted Video Finders, who for a certain fee will supposedly track down tittes and tell you if they exist on video. If you've ficking for Funr-horson don'y bother with these people as they don't mam an limbesto tentil from a facto fulci. Ask me instend and I assessive to at least respond. That seems to be too much

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ALMOST HUMAN (1972) PRISM VIDEO BASSAULT MITH A DEADLY MEAPON ADVENTURE VIDEO BOTH DIRECTED BY UMBERTO LENZE ORIGINAL TITLES MILANO ODIO & HOMA A MANO ANMATA REVIEWS BY DAVID MALKER

Umberto (CANNIBAL FERHOX) Lenzi's sperhetti crime thritters are a breed spart from his horror time. One difference is, these crime flicks go light on the splet; plenty of action and violence, but no gore. That's alright, though, because these movies don't need gross-out acenss in order to maintain interest; they hold together aretty well in their own right. ALMOST HUMAN and ANSAMI I MITTLE A DEADLY WEAPON have an everall connetence and thematic coherence that Lenzi's



horror nictures seem to lack suggesting that Bert is most at home with crime putbellers in the DIR-TY HARRY mont. ALMOST HUMAN and ASSAULT make

good companion pieces. They there some cost members certain eddbell details, even some of the exect same car chase footoge--and both are right wing polemics with similer piotlines. ALMOST NUMAN, which by the way was fraudulently promoted as an Al IVN ripoti(1) by Joseph Brenner Associates, is the story of a remorsaless, out-ofcentrel scumdick criminal (Tomas Millian) and the band tied police inspector (Henry Silve) intent on apprehending and --importantly-punishing him despite the infuriating leniency of the liberal

justice system. ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON is the story of hunchbecked scundick criminal (Tomas Hillan again) and the HIALLY obsessed abusive, hand tied inspector (the late Maurizio Merli) intent on...well, you get the picture. ALMOST HUMAN focuses more on the scumdick, while ASSAULT focuses more on the cop. but the basic thrust is the same: death to the scum. As sure as this right-wing ideology presents a hopeless view of humanity and plays upon the worst inculses at the viewer, it is what gives the films much of their vitality. You get the feeling Lenzi really believes this shit; the films are nothing more than intense copyand-rothers action pap, but they "work" because Lenzi's enthusions for the political message injuses them with a sort of exclamatory single-mindedness and gusto. (I don't recall the Lenzi horror files f've seen -- DIE SLOWLY and GHOSTHOUSE -- having any particular ideology or gusto). It all tends toward a comic book trell exclanation points abound numerous whisks mens into provie's facer, complied emphasic reconstant theme music, blunt symbolism (such as having one perticular "elmost human" scumwed meet his end on top of a garbage heap), and some over the top lead performance. I find Tonns tillian an interesting choice for

the load public enemy in each file. A Cuban actor who has made countless spachetti westerns (the Intersous BJANGO KILL) and is still active today. Millen is the nost neturally uncouth screen villein I've seen. A skinny lip-pursing gergovie given to mouthing bootish vulgarities like, "When I get your deddy's money. I'm gonne wosh my hot dog in chempagne every single merning," this not untolented actor sores self-shness, sadius and severe ecumminess. As Millen's nemesis in ALMOST HUMAN, Henry Silve works un a lot of steam , and in the rule of the lead can in ARRAULT, Mauricle Merii is so unplesantly obsessive at timesand rightfully so-that he singlehandedly comes close to

subverting the film's intended right wing message. One remaining feature of these pirs demands comment, and that is their "Italianess," i.e. curjous and often nesty touches that seem perticularly Italian and give the tilms an edge. I defect Italianers in ALMOST HUMAN when the immodest death sprawl of a gun-downed old women reveals she is mearing a garter helt under her robe. And in ASSAULT when Millan's hunchback character snite

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fully pisses all over the bathroom floor at pofice headquarters while muttering "I plan on planed the lead in the luban range. Impressed when the cop in ASSAULT made the crics "Carabald," died March 10 hunchhack, swellow a bullet, then doubly ins Rome after suffering a heart at- pressed when the hunchback later shet the bujlet out and vowed to use it on the cop. Pretty wild--! can't imagine an American flick getting that acatological where cops and robbers are concerned--end you gotte admit. It ain't a bad metaphor for the circularity of violence. If you're into all categories of Italian genre filmmaking, or if you're interested in Umberto Lenzi's career, you ought to scope out the Action section for

these titles. And so ends the first issue of ETC. Next issue will be back to the it page format and I may or may not publish this thing monthly. It depends on several factors as work has picked up . thus resulting in my traveiling a jot more and my 2 daughters definetly keep me husy. But don't penic, ETC will be an ongoing effort that will continue on for some time. Coming up in future issues: VIDEO RIPOFPS, reviews of THE BOLY MOUNTAIN, LES DEMONIAQUES. TOMB OF TORTURE, TERROR CREATURES FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE. FROTIC NITES OF THE LIVING DEAD, WARRIORS OF THE APOCALYPSE, NOTHING UNDERNEATH. PHANTOM OF DEATH, SOLO ANTE EL THEROR, MENY CAT, RETURN OF THE EVIL DEAD, THE DEVIL'S POSSESSED. THE SLASHER IS A SEX MANIAC, BODY COUNT and more!